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PREFACE.

HAVING been accustomed for many years to preach the great truths of the Gospel, in which I have endeavoured to interest my youthful hearers, I feel desirous (now I can no longer stand up in public to preach of Jesus Christ) to render some service by my pen to the rising generation, as I am quite willing to be "a teacher of babes," and, if possible, to lead some in early days to seek that kind Saviour, who says, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." (Prov. viii. 17.)

I know that many efforts have been made to place the Scriptures before young persons in the most simple and engaging form; but I am not aware of any plan like that which

I have adopted; and I venture to hope that it may be found both acceptable and useful.

I would invite the attention of Parents and Teachers to this little effort, as I think they would find it calculated to help them in guiding their youthful charge, by an easy method, into an acquaintance with the Saviour, with the leading Characters, and the all-important Truths of the blessed Volume of Inspiration; for it is well known what strong hold a simple verse often takes on the mind of a child.

Nor am I without hope that others, even beyond the period of childhood, may be induced to look at this unpretending little book, and gather instruction; for I call to mind what that excellent poet, Herbert, says,—

> "A verse may find him who a sermon flies,
> And turn delight into a sacrifice."

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PART I.

THE CHARACTERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

"Christ and his cross is all our theme."

WATTS.

PART I.

ADAM THE SECOND.

(1 *Cor.* xv. 45.)

RUINED by Adam's sinful fall,
What pains and woes attend us all!
The second Adam—blessed Name—
Restores us from our sin and shame.

ADVOCATE.

(1 *John* ii. 1; *Heb.* vii. 25.)

See how he stands and pleads with God,
For those for whom he shed his blood;
Nor will he ever cease t' implore,
Till they shall need his prayers no more.

ALL AND IN ALL.

(*Col.* iii. 11.)

Yes, All in All to saints above,
And saints below, who know his love,
Before him bow, and praise his name,
To-day and evermore the same.

ALPHA AND OMEGA.

(Rev. i. 8, 11.*)*

The first, the last, beginning, end,
On whom alone all things depend:
Ere worlds were formed, thou great I AM
Didst live—eternally the same.

ANOINTED.

(Psalm xlv. 7; *Isaiah* lxi. 1; *Acts* x. 38.*)*

Messiah, Christ, Anointed,
To this glorious rank appointed;
To him our souls we may commend,
Who will preserve us to the end.

ATONEMENT.

(Rom. v. 11; 1 *Peter* ii. 24.*)*

The price how dear he paid, to bring
The rebel to his God and King;
Willing he laid the ransom down,
To raise the traitor to a crown!

AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF FAITH.

(Heb. xii. 2.*)*

Faith is his gift; and where begun,
We in the ways of God shall run:
When he begins, he'll finish too,—
The work will plain the Author show.

BELOVED.

(Matt. iii. 17; xvii. 5.*)*

The Father's well-beloved Son,
For all the glorious things he 's done;
Beloved of his people too,
For all for them he deigns to do.

BREAD OF LIFE.

(John vi. 35, 48, 58.*)*

The Jews on manna daily fed,
But saints now live on Christ the Bread;
The Bread of Life sent from above,
The gift of God—the gift of Love.

BROTHER.

(Heb. ii. 11; *John* xx. 17.*)*

A Brother dear!—where shall we find
Brother so tender, gentle, kind?
Born for adversity was he,
To comfort us in misery.

CAPTAIN OF SALVATION.

(Heb. ii. 10.*)*

Captain of all the hosts of God,
Leading and ruling by thy word;
Before thy sword each foe must fall,
And thou wilt triumph over all.

CENTRE OF UNION.

(Gal. iii. 28.*)*

Oh, how attractive is that love
Which draws the soul, and bids it move
Towards the cross, where all who come
Shall find their rest, their heaven, their home!

CHIEF OF TEN THOUSAND.

(Song of Sol. v. 10.*)*

Whatever beauties we can find,
Amongst the fairest of mankind,
They are surpassed infinitely,
By what we in our Jesus see.

CHILD BORN—SON GIVEN.

(Isaiah ix. 6.*)*

And did the great and mighty God
Ally himself to flesh and blood?
Oh, yes! an infant form he bore,
Became a child—man to restore.

COMPASSION.

(Matt. ix. 36; *John* xi. 35.*)*

How tender all his acts were found!
He scattered blessings all around;
He wiped each tear, repressed each sigh,
And filled the mourning soul with joy.

OUR COMPLETENESS.

(Col. ii. 10.*)*

Wrapped in his robe, no guilt is seen;
Washed in his blood, the soul is clean;
No spot or wrinkle will appear,
Nor need we death or judgment fear.

CONQUEROR.

(Psalm xlv. 3, 4, 5.*)*

What fearful foes the saints withstand,
While journeying to the better land!
But Satan, sin, and hell must flee,
When Jesus leads to victory.

CONSOLATION.

(Luke ii. 25; 2 *Thess.* ii. 16.*)*

How sweet the comfort that is found,
How rich the joy that doth abound,
In Him—from whose kind lips doth flow
Such bliss as none but Christians know!

COUNSELLOR.

(Isaiah ix. 6.*)*

How much we need some one to guide—
A friend in whom we may confide!
Here then is one of skill divine,—
How glorious do his counsels shine!

CRUCIFIXION.

(Luke xxii. 33.*)*

Yes, on the cursed tree he died,—
The spear it pierced his tender side;
He bore the load of human guilt,—
To save our souls, his blood was spilt.

CURSE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

(Gal. iii. 13, 14.*)*

The sinner stood exposed to hell,—
Justice and Law approved it well;
But Jesus came, and bore the load
Of wrath—and man restored to God.

DEATH AND RESURRECTION.

*(*1 *Cor.* xv. 3, 4.*)*

The Lord of life submits to death,
And on the cross yields up his breath:
But soon he triumphed o'er the grave;
He crushed our foes—then rose to save.

DELIVERER.

(Rom. xi. 26.*)*

He came to set the captive free,
Proclaim the year of liberty;
Unloose the chain that held us down,
Exalt from slavery to a crown.

DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS.

(Haggai ii. 7.*)*

Nations' desire!—who could that be,
But he who died on Calvary?
Long did men wait to see his day;
He came, and chased their fears away.

DOOR.

(John x. 7, 9.*)*

He is the Door,—oh! enter in,
And find repose from raging sin:
Within his Church are pastures fair,
And rest, and peace, and joy are there.

ELECT OF GOD.

(Isaiah xlii. 1.*)*

Chosen of God!—his work to do—
Our souls to save—our hearts renew—
How God delighted in his Son,
And raised him to his highest throne!

ENCOURAGING HIS DISCIPLES.

(Matt. xiv. 27.*)*

"Why do ye fear?" the Saviour cries,
"Tho' surges roar, and winds arise,
"You 're safe beneath my watchful eye;
"Before my word all tempests fly."

ENCOURAGING HIS FLOCK.

(Luke xii. 32.*)*

"Fear not, my flock, however small,—
"I know your wants—I know them all;
"On earth I'll guide you by my love,
"And you shall dwell with me above."

END OF THE LAW.

(Rom. x. 4; *Gal.* iii. 24.*)*

Old rites and forms have passed away,
And ushered in a brighter day:
Jesus fulfilled the Law's stern claim,
For all who trust in his blest name.

EQUAL WITH GOD.

(Zech. xiii. 7; *Phil.* ii. 6.*)*

Jesus thought it not robbery
To equal himself with Majesty;
And we are bound to honour him,
As one with God upon the throne.

EXAMPLE.

(Matt. xi. 29; *John* xiii. 15.*)*

"Come follow me," the Saviour cries,—
"This path will lead you to the skies:
"Would you be wise, and good, and great,
"My actions you must imitate."

FORERUNNER.

(Heb. vi. 20.*)*

He's gone before to take his place,
And wait to welcome all the race:
He has sat down; and they shall sit,
With holy rapture, at his feet.

FOUNDATION STONE.

(Isaiah xxviii. 16.*)*

Here you may build, the stone is sure,—
This Rock of Ages must endure;
'Tis tried, 'tis precious, must remain,
And men and devils rage in vain.

FOUNTAIN OPENED.

(Zech. xiii. 1; *Rev.* i. 5.*)*

Oh! what can cleanse the soul from stain,
And make the filthy clean again?
Nothing but Jesu's precious blood
Can make us fit to dwell with God.

FRIEND.

(Prov. xviii. 24; *John* xv. 15.*)*

Here's a Friend your soul may trust;
He's holy, wise, and kind, and just:
He always loves—nought can sever;
He never leaves—never—never!

GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

(2 *Cor.* ix. 15.)

Many kind gifts our God has given,
Gifts great on earth, and great in heaven;
But one above the rest stands forth,—
'Tis Christ—unspeakable in worth.

GREATNESS.

(*Luke* xi. 31; *Rev.* vii. 10.)

Greater than all of heavenly birth,
Greater than all the kings of earth;
Cherub and seraph round his throne,
Eternally his glory own.

HEAD OVER ALL THINGS.

(*Psalm* ii. 6.)

O'er all things for the Church he 's Head,
With power to strike opponents dead:
Supreme in dignity and might,
'Twere fearful to invade his right.

HOPE.

(1 *Tim.* i. 1; *Rom.* v. 5.)

No ground of hope poor sinners find,
To furnish comfort to the mind;
Till unto Christ they lift their eyes,
And find a hope that never dies.

HUMILITY.

(*Matt.* xi. 29; *Phil.* ii. 5, *&c.*)

Clothed with humility he stood,
Model complete of all that 's good;
Nothing he thought too mean or low,
To help or bless the child of woe.

KING.

(*Isaiah* ix. 7; *Rev.* xix. 16.)

Greater than Solomon is he,
Arrayed in heavenly Majesty:
Before his throne bright seraphs bend,
And yield him praise that knows no end.

LAMB OF GOD.

(*John* i. 29; *Rev.* xiii. 8.)

Atoning, dying, bleeding Lamb!
How dear to souls thy precious name,
When, humbled in the lowest dust,
They make thy sacrifice their trust!

LIFE.

(*Col.* iii. 4; *John* xiv. 19.)

Dead in our fallen state we lie,
Till Jesus calls, and brings us nigh;
He is our Life, and he will bring
Each quickened soul in bliss to sing.

LIGHT.

(*John* viii. 12; xii. 36.)

How dark the mind till Jesus shine,
And pour bright rays of light divine!
'Tis he who shows the way to God,
And lights us to his blest abode.

LOVE.

(*John* xv. 13; *Rom.* v. 8.)

Talk we of Love,—oh! think of His,
Who freely left the world of bliss;
To visit worms, and freely die,
To raise them to a throne on high.

MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH.

(1 *Tim.* iii. 16.)

Bone of our bone, Jesus appears,
And spends his days in sighs and tears:
To crush our foes the Saviour came,
And save us from eternal shame.

MEDIATOR.

(1 *Tim.* ii. 5, 6.)

No pope, or priest, or saint we need,
For us with God to intercede;
Our Mediator ever stands,
And spreads for us his lifted hands.

MESSENGER.

(*Mal.* iii. 1, 2; *John* iii. 17.)

He came from God, to let us know
The path in which our souls should go:
He came from the bright courts above,
To bring kind messages of love.

VISIT TO NAZARETH.

(*Luke* iv. 16, *&c.*)

See him to Nazareth repair,
And, in the house of praise and prayer,
Tell them such tidings from the skies,
As filled their souls with sweet surprise.

OBJECT OF OUR LOVE.

(*John* xxi. 17.)

Fix not on earth your heart's best love,
For Jesus has a claim above
All others,—since for you he bled,
For you was numbered with the dead.

PASSOVER.

(*Exod.* xii. 23; 1 *Cor.* v. 7, 8.)

When Israel was from Egypt freed,
To save their lives the lamb must bleed;
And Christ the paschal Lamb was slain,
Freedom from hell for us to gain.

PEARL OF GREAT PRICE.

(*Matt.* xiii. 45, 46.)

Its worth no mind can estimate,
Beyond all thought, beyond all rate:
Strive to possess it, if you 'd be
Rich for time and eternity.

PHYSICIAN.

(*Matt.* ix. 12.)

Pride, self, and sin affect the soul,
And none but Christ can make us whole:
Physician great! to thee we cry;
Kindly remove each malady.

PLANT OF RENOWN.

(*Ezek.* xxxiv. 29.)

Beneath thy shade our souls may sit,
And from thy boughs sweet fruit may eat;
Ten thousands to thy shelter flee—
Thou beautiful and fruitful tree!

POVERTY.

(*Matt.* viii. 20; *Luke* viii. 3.)

By human hands he oft was fed,
And had not where to lay his head:
Oh! let us learn to be content,
And grateful for each blessing sent.

POWER TO SAVE.

(*Heb.* vii. 25.)

However hard the human heart,
Jesus can make the stone depart;
However vile the soul has been,
His blood can make the vilest clean.

PRECIOUSNESS.

(1 *Peter* ii. 7.)

Precious that name—precious that love—
All human thought and price above;
Th' awakened sinner knows its worth,
And saints rejoice to set it forth.

HIGH PRIEST.

(*Heb.* ii. 17; iii. 1; iv. 14.)

See at the altar Aaron stands,
Bearing the offering in his hands;
But our High Priest his own blood spilt,
To save our souls from wrath and guilt.

PRINCE OF PEACE.

(*Isaiah* ix. 6; *Psalm* lxxii. 17.)

All hail! thou blessed Prince of Peace;
Thy kingdom and thy reign increase;
Till all the nations thee adore,
And sound thy praise from shore to shore.

PROPHET.

(*Deut.* xviii. 18; *Acts* iii. 22.)

Moses the ancient prophet said,
" The Lord will raise one in my stead;
" A glorious Prophet he will prove,
" To guide, and teach, and lead by Love."

REDEEMER.

(*Eph.* i. 7; *Col.* i. 14.)

The ransom of the soul how great,
To raise it from its ruined state!
But Jesus the full value paid,
When down his precious life he laid.

REFUGE.

(*Isaiah* xxv. 4; xxxii. 2.)

Amidst the many storms of life—
Exposed to men and Satan's strife,
How safe a refuge Jesus proves,
A covert safe to all he loves!

RESURRECTION AND LIFE.

(*John* xi. 25, 26.)

When Jesus rose, secure he made
Our resurrection from the dead:
Behold him live above the skies,
And to that bliss his saints shall rise.

RIGHTEOUSNESS.

(*Jer.* xxiii. 6; 1 *Cor.* i. 30.)

No righteousness have we to boast,
Holy desires and virtue lost;
But clothed in his beauteous dress,
We sing—" The Lord our Righteousness."

ROCK.

(*Matt.* xvi. 18.)

Upon this Rock the soul's secure;
Within this Rock is refuge sure:
Make Christ your Rock, and you will find
A holy calm possess your mind.

ROSE OF SHARON.

(*Song of Sol.* ii. 1.)

No beauteous flower on earth that grows,
Can be compared to Sharon's Rose;
Its fragrance, grace, and colour too,
Are ever sweet, and ever new.

SHEPHERD.

(*Isaiah* xl. 11; *John* x. 11.)

The sheep how kindly kept and led,
The lambs sustained, and freely fed!
For them his life he once laid down,
To raise them to a heavenly crown.

GOOD SAMARITAN.

(*Luke* x. 30, *&c.*)

Wounded and stripped, and left half dead—
How kindly helped! how kindly fed!—
A noble pattern here we see;
But Jesus has done more for thee.

SORROW.

(*Psalm* xxxiv. 19; *Isaiah* liii. 3, 4.)

Sorrow 's the lot of all below;
But none did e'er such sorrow know,
As He who came to die for me,
And bled with anguish on the tree.

TEACHER.

(*John* iii. 2, 3.)

What solemn lessons Jesus taught,—
What words of truth from heaven he brought!
"Ye must be born again," he cries;
This may we learn, and thus be wise.

UNCHANGEABLE.

(*Heb.* xiii. 8.)

The Lord, with whom we have to do,
No variation can he know:—
In darkest days, (blest be his name,)
As in the sunshine, he 's the same.

VINE.

(*John* xv. 1, *&c.*)

How the rich clusters charm the eyes,
Fed by the sap the vine supplies!
So saints are nourished by their Lord,
Fed by his Spirit, and his Word.

WAY, &c.

(*John* xiv. 6.)

"The way, the truth, the life," is He,
Who came to set the captives free:
Who walk this way, this truth believe,
In heaven eternal life receive.

WISDOM.

(1 *Cor.* i. 30; *Col.* ii. 3.)

What darkness veils the human mind,—
How prone to sin, to goodness blind!
But wisdom 's by our Jesus given,
To guide the once dark soul to heaven.

WONDERFUL.

(*Isaiah* ix. 6.)

How wonderful our Lord appears—
The Mighty God, a man of tears—
The Lord of Ages born a child,
That man to God be reconciled!

ZEAL.

(*John* ii. 17; *Gal.* iv. 18.)

See Jesus take each bitter cup,—
His zeal for God quite burnt him up;
And while we tread this world below,
Our zeal for him should always flow

PART II.

SCRIPTURE CHARACTERS.

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning."—ROM. xv. 4.

PART II.

ADAM.

(*Gen.* ii. 15; iii. 6; *Rom.* v. 12.)

ADAM, the first of human race,
In Eden found a dwelling-place;
But soon he fell, and ruin came
On all who bear the human name.

AARON.

(*Exod.* xxviii. 1; *Heb.* ix. 11.)

Aaron, the first high priest, became
A type of One of nobler name;
And long he taught the Jewish race
To praise the Lord and seek his face.

ABEL.

(*Gen.* iv. 4; *Heb.* xi. 4.)

Abel, the righteous saint of God,
Brought in his hand th' accepted blood;
By faith he looked to that blessed Lamb,
Who was to come, and bear our shame.

ABIJAH.

(1 *Kings* xiv. 13.)

Abijah early sought the Lord,
And walked according to his word:
In his young heart some good was found,
Preserved by grace from sinners round.

ABRAHAM.

(*Gen.* xii. 1, *&c.*; *Isaiah* xli. 8; *John* viii. 56.)

Abraham appears,—the heavenly word
Brought him from Chaldea to the Lord:
This friend of God, with raptured eyes,
Beheld Christ's day, and did rejoice.

ABSALOM.

(2 *Sam.* xv. 10; xviii. 14.)

Absalom, a son that caused tears,
And filled his father's heart with fears:
Behold how wretchedly he dies,
Hanged up between the earth and skies!

ACHAN.

(*Joshua* vii. 11, 20, 25; *Psalm* cxxxix. 12.)

This tale of Achan clearly shows
That God all actions fully knows:
No sin is hidden from his view;
He will detect, and punish too.

AGRIPPA.

(*Acts* xxvi. 28; 2 *Cor.* v. 17.)

Agrippa, struck with Paul's address,
His inward feelings did express:
"Almost a Christian," will not do;
The grace of God makes all things new.

AHAB.

(1 *Kings* xxi. 25; xxii. 38.)

Ahab, a vile and hateful king,
God's wrath upon his head did bring:
The proudest men God can abase,
And cover them with foul disgrace.

AHITHOPHEL.

(2 *Sam.* xvii. 2—23.)

Ahithophel base counsel gave,
To bring King David to the grave:
His counsel scorned, roused up his pride;
By his own hands the traitor died.

ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA.

(*Acts* v.)

Ananias and his wife agreed
To tell a lie, and by that deed
Expose themselves to death and hell:—
Let all who read—observe that well.

ANGELS.

(*Psalm* ciii. 20; xxxiv. 7; *Heb.* i. 14.)

Angels around the throne above,
Are ever witness of God's love;
On earth they serve the saints of God,
And help them thro' the dangerous road.

ASA.

(1 *Kings* xv. 14; 2 *Chron.* xiv. 11.)

Not much is written of this king,
Yet from his life these truths we bring:
His heart was perfect with his God;
In troublous times he sought the Lord.

BALAAM.

(*Num.* xxii. 38; 2 *Peter* ii. 15; *Num.* xxxi. 8.)

The name of God upon his tongue,
And yet his heart was sadly wrong;
A prophet false—by God abhorr'd—
He perished by the vengeful sword.

BARNABAS.

(*Acts* iv. 36; xi. 24.)

Barnabas,—name most kindly given,
To cheer us on the road to heaven:
"The son of consolation" he,
To wipe the tear of misery.

BARTIMEUS.

(*Mark* x. 46, *&c.*)

Bartimeus by the way-side,
Both blind and poor, for pity cried:
The Saviour kind regards his wants,
And the prayer of faith he grants.

BELSHAZZAR.

(*Dan.* v. 4, 23, 30.)

Belshazzar, lifted up with pride,
Did the God of heaven deride;
His doom he read upon the wall:—
That awful night beheld his fall.

CAIN.

(*Gen.* iv. 8; *Matt.* v. 22; 1 *John* iii. 12.)

See Cain a wretched murderer stand;
With Abel's blood he stained his hand:
Oh! watch against each angry thought;
For murder 's there, the Saviour taught.

CALEB.

(*Num.* xiv. 24; *Joshua* xiv. 10.)

See good old Caleb, faithful saint;
Though old in years, he did not faint:
He followed God through all his days,
And gladly spoke Jehovah's praise.

CORNELIUS.

(*Acts* x. 1, 2, *&c.*)

Cornelius—a soldier brave—
Is taught the way the soul to save:
Like him, let all attention give,
And seek God's grace that we may live.

DAVID.

(1 *Sam.* xvi. 11; 2 *Sam.* v. 3; *Psalm* lxxii.)

David, a shepherd,—then a king,—
Then a sweet psalmist,—hear him sing
Of the Messiah, in whose blood
He pardon found, and peace with God.

DANIEL.

(*Dan.* vii. 14; x. 23, 24.)

Daniel, a man greatly beloved,
Was by the Holy Spirit moved
To write of Him, whose reign shall be
Through time and all eternity.

TWO DEBTORS.

(*Luke* vii. 41, *&c.*)

We owe God much—have nought to pay;
He kindly puts our debts away:
No acts of ours can compensate
For grace so free, for love so great.

DORCAS.

(*Acts* ix. 36, *&c.*)

Dorcas was famed for acts of love,
As weeping widows' tears did prove:
Thus let us spend our days below,
In doing good, and healing woe.

EBENEZER.

(1 *Sam.* vii. 12; *Psalm* xxxiv. 3.)

Ebenezer—the set-up stone,
To show what God for them had done:
Memorials, too, we each should raise,
To celebrate his acts of grace.

ELI.

(1 *Sam.* iii. 11, *&c.*)

His sons were vile, nor did repent,—
A message was to Eli sent:
"Thy sons shall perish," is the word;
He meekly said—"It is the Lord."

ELIJAH.

(1 *Kings* xvii. 1, *&c.*; 2 *Kings* ii. 11.)

Elijah, called by God, was sent
To warn the people to repent;
His work was done,—he did not die,
But rose triumphant to the sky.

ELISHA.

(2 *Kings* ii. 13; vi. 6.)

Elijah called by God to heaven,
Elisha in his stead was given;
Miracles by his hand were wrought,
And God by him the people taught.

JOURNEY TO EMMAUS.

(*Luke* xxiv. 13, *&c.*)

How sweet the moments that were spent,
As on their way they talking went,
With Jesus!—May we also know
The joys that from his presence flow!

ENOCH.

(*Gen.* v. 24; *Heb.* xi. 5.)

Enoch, how blest!—he walked with God,
And thus pursued the heavenly road:
"He pleased the Lord;"—this token given,
He was translated into heaven.

EBED-MELECH.

(*Jer.* xxxviii. 8; xxxix. 16, *&c.*)

This son of Ethiop's jet black race
Shared in Jehovah's acts of grace;
For all by Him are well repaid,
Who by their care His servants aid.

FELIX.

(*Acts* xxiv. 25.)

See Felix in the judgment-hall,
Trembling before the prisoner Paul;
How strong is truth!—it enters in,
And shakes the sinner in his sin.

GIDEON.

(*Judges* vi. 12; vii. 18.)

Gideon was a valiant chief,
Raised up in times of Israel's grief;
He conquered by that mighty word,
"The sword of Gideon and the Lord."

HEZEKIAH.

(2 *Kings* xviii. 3; xix. 1, *&c.*)

We must admire this holy man,
Who in the paths of duty ran;
When threatened by fierce foes around,
He fled to God, and succour found.

HANNAH.

(1 *Sam.* i. 10—26, *&c.*)

How sunk in grief Hannah appears,
Pouring in Shiloh prayers and tears!
Jehovah heard, and did reply,
Filling her heart with peace and joy.

JABEZ.

(1 *Chron.* iv. 9, 10.)

Jabez, the child of sorrow named,
Is in the word of God proclaimed
A man of prayer—who fervent cried;
Nor was his suit by God denied.

JOSEPH.

(*Gen.* xxxvii. 4, 28; xxxix. 20; xlv. 8.)

What sorrows great befell this youth,
While walking in the ways of truth!
God was his guide, and raised him high,
Crowning his days with peace and joy.

JEHU.

(2 *Kings* x. 16, 31.)

"Come, see my zeal," bold Jehu cried,—
We fear he spoke with heart-felt pride;
Raised up to use Jehovah's rod,
His heart it seemed not right with God.

JACOB.

(*Gen.* xlii. 36; xlv. 28; xlvii. 12.)

"All things against me are," he spake,
But lived to see his great mistake:
God was arranging for his good—
To nourish him and his with food.

JOB.

(*Job* i. 21, 22; ii. 10; xlii. 12.)

Job for his patience was renowned,
And God at length that patience crowned:
Happy are they who bear the rod,
And feel submissive to their God.

JOHN BAPTIST.

(*Matt.* iii. 1, *&c.*; *John* i. 29.)

John Baptist,—from the Lord he came,
To point poor sinners to the Lamb;
His work soon done,—great his reward,
To be for ever with the Lord.

JOHN THE BELOVED DISCIPLE.

(*John* xiii. 23; xx. 2.)

John the beloved disciple see,
Honoured with Jesu's company:
His head he leaned upon Christ's breast,—
Was ever mortal man so blest?

JONAH.

(*Jonah* i. 3, *&c.*)

In Jonah we the folly see
Of trying from the Lord to flee:
No place can hide us from his sight,—
He brings our secret sins to light.

JOSHUA.

(Joshua i. 1, *&c.*; xxiii. 14; *Rev.* vii. 17.*)*

Joshua, by divine command,
Led Israel to the promised land;
A type of One, more highly blest,
Who leads His flock to heavenly rest.

JOSIAH.

(2 Kings xxii. 2, 19, 20.*)*

Josiah, from his early youth,
Revered the sacred word of truth;
A pattern thus in him is given
To those who would attain to heaven.

JUDAS ISCARIOT.

(Matt. xxvi. 15; xxvii. 5.*)*

One of the twelve, a traitor proved,—
And, by his heart and Satan moved,
For lucre vile he sold his Lord;
Then slew himself, by God abhorr'd.

LOT.

(Gen. xiii. 10—13; xix. 17.*)*

Lot for himself chose an abode,
With men who did not fear the Lord;
Then had to flee.—Oh! mark that well;
'Tis dangerous with God's foes to dwell.

MANASSEH.

(2 Chron. xxxiii. 1, *&c.)*

Manasseh was a sinner bold,—
His crimes too numerous to be told;
Yet he was changed.—In him we view
What the rich grace of God can do.

MANOAH AND HIS WIFE.

(Judges xiii. 22, 23.*)*

The Angel stirred Manoah's dread,—
"We shall be numbered with the dead,"
He fearful cries.—His wife, more bold,
On God's past love by faith laid hold.

MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS.

(John xi. 5; *Luke* x. 38, *&c.)*

Martha, and Mary, and Lazarus,
How sweet their history reads to us;
By Jesus loved,—how truly blest,
To entertain so kind a guest!

METHUSELAH.

(Gen. v. 27; *Luke* xx. 36.*)*

Most aged of the sons of men,
Yet turned at length to dust again:
Nothing endures below the sky,—
In heaven the saint will never die.

MNASON.

(Acts xxi. 16.*)*

Mnason, an old disciple, stands,
Delighting in the Lord's commands:
No greater honour can we know,
Than thus to serve him here below.

MOSES.

(Exod. ii. 5, *&c.*; iii. 10; *Deut.* xxxiv. 5.*)*

Moses was rescued from the flood,
To lead the chosen tribes of God:
Near forty years he was their guide
Towards their rest,—and then he died.

NAAMAN.

(2 Kings v. 1, *&c.)*

Tho' great and noble was his lot,
Alas! he bore the leprous spot;
But when he washed, disease was healed,
A type of grace in Christ revealed.

NADAB AND ABIHU.

(Lev. x. 1, *&c.)*

These men were priests of the Most High,
And to his altar might draw nigh:
Alas! they sinned, and perished there;
God will be served with holy fear.

NAOMI.

(Ruth i. 20, 21.*)*

Naomi was a child of God,
Visited by his paternal rod:
No murmur was allowed to fall;
She saw her Father's hand in all.

NATHANAEL.

(John i. 47, *&c.)*

Nathanael sought the fig-tree shade,
And that his secret closet made;
There he performed the work he loved:
Jesus had seen, and well approved.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

(Dan. iv. 29, *&c.)*

Proudest of monarchs, see him stand,
And daring lift his feeble hand:
God deals to him a mighty blow,
Strips him of state, and lays him low.

NICODEMUS.

(John iii. 1, *&c.)*

See Nicodemus come by night,
Thinking that Christ could set him right:
What solemn truths did Jesus teach,
Which all must learn, if heaven they'd reach!

NOAH.

(*Gen.* vi. 14, *&c.*; *Heb.* xi. 7.)

Noah by faith the Ark prepared;
When millions perished, he was spared:
Would we be safe, we must obey,
And flee to Christ without delay.

OBADIAH.

(1 *Kings* xviii. 12.)

From his youth up, he feared the Lord,
His precepts loved, his name adored:
How blessed thus, in early youth,
To know and serve the God of truth!

ONESIMUS.

(*Philemon* 10, 11, 15, *&c.*)

How wonderful the ways of God,
To bring lost sinners to the Lord!
This man from home a sinner went,
But back returns a penitent.

PAUL.

(*Acts* ix. 1, *&c.*; *Gal.* vi. 14.)

Converted by rich sovereign grace,
How Paul rejoiced to speak Christ's praise!
He gloried in the Saviour's name,
And laboured hard to spread his fame.

PETER.

(*Matt.* xxvi. 35, 74; *Luke* xxii. 61, 62.)

How Peter's acts confirm the rule,
That he who trusts his heart 's a fool!
How low he sunk! yet mercy found,—
His bitter tears with pardon crowned.

PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN.

(*Luke* xviii. 10, *&c.*)

Oh, how dangerous 'tis to be
Like the proud boasting Pharisee!
While happy is the humbled man,
Who trembles like the Publican.

PRODIGAL SON.

(*Luke* xv. 11, *&c.*)

Tho' clothed in rags, and great his sin,
When he returns, he's welcomed in:
When sinners thus with shame return,
They find their Father's love still burn.

RICH MAN AND LAZARUS.

(*Luke* xvi. 19, *&c.*)

Rich worldlings oft abound with good,
While godly poor have scarcely food;
But oh, the solemn change at last,
When righteous judgment shall be passed!

RUTH.

(*Ruth* i. 16, *&c.*)

Ruth is a pattern to the young,—
Her love was great, her purpose strong:
Like her, may each one willing prove,
To walk with saints, and God to love!

SAMSON.

(*Judges* xiii. 24; xvi. 20.)

Samson, a strong and daring man,
While in the ways of God he ran,
Was safe.—By sin he sorely fell;
Let all regard his history well.

SAMUEL.

(1 *Sam.* i. 24, *&c.*; iii. 20.)

How early blest was Samuel,
In Shiloh with the Lord to dwell!
A prophet raised up by the Lord,
To teach the Jews God's holy word.

SHADRACH, &c.

(*Dan.* iii. 17, 18, 23.)

It warms the heart to see these youths,
Contending for God's holy truths;
Then meekly yielding to the flame,
Rather than slight Jehovah's Name.

QUEEN OF SHEBA.

(1 *Kings* x. 1, *&c.*; *Prov.* viii. 33.)

How far the Queen of Sheba came,
Attracted by the wise man's fame!
Let our pursuit true wisdom be,
That flows from Christ so full and free.

SIMEON.

(*Luke* ii. 25, *&c.*)

How happy good old Simeon stands,
With the blest Saviour in his hands!
Well might his soul repose in peace,
And cheerful wait for death's release.

SOLOMON.

(1 *Kings* iv. 1; xi. 4.)

How nobly shone King Solomon,
When seated on his regal throne!
Yet low he fell,—his stain how deep!—
'Tis God alone the heart can keep.

STEPHEN.

(*Acts* vii. 55, *&c.*)

See this brave martyr sink in death,
When called by Christ to yield his breath;
To heaven he lifts a holy gaze,
And for his murderers kindly prays.

WIDOW'S SON AT NAIN.

(*Luke* vii. 11, *&c.*)

See the lone widow torn with grief,—
See the kind Saviour bring relief:
He's able still our souls to cheer,
And wipe away the burning tear.

DYING THIEF.

(*Luke* xxiii. 42, *&c.*)

Behold him hanging on the tree,
Deserving well his misery:
Behold the Saviour's matchless power
Converts and saves in the last hour!

THOMAS.

(*John* xx. 24, *&c.*)

Sad unbelief comes here to light,—
In Thomas 'twas a mournful sight:
How kind in Christ to come once more,
Reprove his sin—his faith restore!

TIMOTHY.

(2 *Tim.* i. 5; iii. 15.)

How lovely looks young Timothy,
So early taught to Christ to fly!
May every youth, constrained by love,
Follow his steps to heaven above!

ZACCHEUS.

(*Luke* xix. 1, *&c.*)

Behold Zaccheus climbs the tree,
Determined Jesus Christ to see:
The Saviour did approve his zeal,
And to his mind his grace reveal.

PART III.

VARIOUS SUBJECTS AND HYMNS.

"How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven."

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ADOPTION.

(*Ephes.* ii. 12, 13; 1 *John* iii. 1.)

FALLEN by sin, from God we fly,
But through his grace he brings us nigh:
How great the honour, how divine,
Thus as a child of God to shine!

AFFLICTION.

(*Job* v. 7; 1 *Cor.* iv. 17.)

Affliction is the lot of all,
However great, however small;
But sanctified by sovereign Love,
Our trials then a blessing prove.

CARE.

(*Matt.* vi. 25, *&c.*; 1 *Peter* v. 7.)

Corroding care we should avoid,—
God for his children will provide:
To him then every care commit,
And at his feet with patience sit.

CONSOLATION.

(2 *Thess.* ii. 16; *Psalm* cxlv. 18.)

What comforts doth the Lord impart,
To cheer the sunk and broken heart!
To him for succour let us fly,—
This Friend of man is always nigh.

CONTENTMENT.

(1 *Tim.* vi. 6, *&c.*)

What peace of mind contentment brings!
While discontent the bosom stings:
Whate'er the Lord appoints us here,
Let us contented strive to bear.

CONVERSION.

(*Matt.* xviii. 3; *Ephes.* ii. 1, *&c.*)

A change of heart and life we need,
To prove we are the Lord's indeed:
The work is by the Spirit wrought;
By him the mind's renewed and taught.

COVETOUSNESS.

(*Hab.* ii. 9; *Ephes.* v. 5.)

How hateful is the miser's way,
Heaping up gold from day to day!
Woe to his soul!—his god is gold,
And for it heaven and bliss are sold.

DARKNESS.

(*John* iii. 19; 2 *Cor.* iv. 6.)

Darkness o'erspreads the human mind,
Which leads to sin of every kind;
And nothing short of power divine,
Thro' that thick veil can burst and shine.

DEATH.

(*Matt.* xxiv. 44; 1 *Thess.* v. 6.)

How solemn is the hour of death,
When man is called to yield his breath!
Would you stand ready for that day,
Upon the Saviour's merits stay.

ETERNITY.

(*Matt.* xxv. 46.)

Who can describe Eternity,
Where countless ages ever fly,
Nor bring us nearer to the close
Of boundless joy, or endless woes?

EXAMPLE.

(*Phil.* ii. 5.)

The best example that we find,
In walk and life, and humble mind,
Shines forth in God's beloved Son;
And we should do as he has done.

FAITH.

(*Job* ii. 10; 2 *Tim.* i. 12.)

Faith means reliance upon God,
Whether he smile or use the rod;
It trusts on Jesu's sacrifice,
To bring the spirit to the skies.

FEAR.

(*Isaiah* xliii. 1, 2.)

How many fears oppress the breast,
And rob the soul of peace and rest!
But those who truly fear the Lord,
May trust upon his faithful word.

FRIENDSHIP.

(*Mal.* iii. 6; *James* i. 17.)

How oft is human friendship broke!
The bond is burst by some rude stroke;
But God's a Friend who changes not,
Whate'er our fears, whate'er our lot.

GLORY.

(*Rom.* ii. 10; viii. 18.)

What glory waits the saint on high,
When he shall soar above the sky;
When he shall reach th' angelic throng,
And join the everlasting song!

GODLINESS.

(1 *Tim.* iv. 8.)

The godly man alone is blest,
With solid peace, and lasting rest:
'Tis good for soul and body too,
In paths of holiness to go.

GOSPEL.

(*Luke* ii. 10; *Acts* xiii. 39.)

What glorious news the Gospel brings,
From the great sovereign King of Kings!
It shows how vilest worms may rise,
Thro' Jesu's merits, to the skies.

GRACE.

(*John* i. 17; *Rom.* iii. 24.)

How rich, how free, is sovereign grace,
The gift of God to our lost race!
And all who seek this grace shall prove
The freeness of redeeming love.

HAPPINESS.

(*Prov.* xxviii. 14; xxix. 18.)

Would you be happy while below,
Then seek the love of God to know:
The world no lasting joy bestows;
From piety alone it flows.

HEART.

(*Matt.* xv. 19; *John* vi. 63.)

The heart by nature all unclean,
Th' abode of every hateful sin,
Must by the Spirit be renewed,
Ere it will love what's right and good.

HEAVEN.

(*Rev.* vii. 9, 14, *&c.*)

Who can describe the matchless bliss
That fills the world where Jesus is?
The harp, the palm, the crown, the friends,
The song of praise that never ends?

HELL.

(*Matt.* xxv. 41; *Mark* ix. 44.)

Oh, fearful place of black despair!
No gleam of hope can enter there;
But wrath, and endless night, and chains,
And Satan there triumphant reigns.

HOLINESS.

(2 *Cor.* vii. 1; *Heb.* xii. 14.)

If we would see Jehovah's face,
The heart must be renewed by grace:
No soul can unto glory go,
That loves not holiness below.

HOPE.

(*Psalm* xlii. 5; *Rom.* v. 5.)

Sweet hope will cheer the darkest day,
And shed its light upon our way:
The saint may hope in God's true word,
Which beams of light and joy afford.

HUMILITY.

(*Isaiah* lvii. 15; *Matt.* v. 3.)

The lowly soul's approved of God,—
Jehovah there makes his abode:
Clothed with humility below,
That spirit shall to glory go.

HYPOCRISY.

(*Matt.* xxiii. 27, 28; *Job* viii. 13.)

Jehovah sees thro' each disguise,
And hates hypocrisy and lies:
Vile hypocrites shall all be known,
When souls are gathered round the throne.

JOY.

(*Rom.* xiv. 17; xv. 13.)

True joy's a flower that does not spring
From any low-born earthly thing:
In God alone true bliss is found,—
If he is loved, joy will abound.

JUDGMENT-DAY.

(1 *Cor.* xv. 52; *John* v. 29.)

The solemn trumpet then will sound,
And call up myriads from the ground:
Each soul will then its lot receive,
In heaven or hell henceforth to live.

LIBERTY.

(*John* viii. 36; *Rom.* vi. 14.)

How strong our bands of slavery,
Till Jesus sets our spirits free!
But rescued from the devil's power,
The soul has freedom from that hour.

LIGHT.

(*Isaiah* lx. 2; 2 *Cor.* iv. 6.)

Deep darkness veils the human mind,
To God, and truth, and glory blind;
But the good Spirit shines within,
And chases darkness, error, sin.

LIFE.

(1 *Cor.* vi. 19, 20; *John* xii. 26.)

Our life is given to serve the Lord,
To act according to his word;
And those who serve their God below,
Shall into life eternal go.

LOVE.

(2 *Cor.* v. 14, 15.)

When love prevails, how calm we bear
The trials that we're called to share!
'Tis love that makes each duty light,
And shows us that each sorrow's right.

MAN.

(*Gen.* i. 26, 27; 1 *Peter* iii. 18.)

Man is God's noblest work below,—
On him what pains did he bestow;
And when he fell, thro' Satan's power,
Then Jesus died him to restore.

MERCY.

(*Psalm* li. 1; *John* iii. 16, 17.)

God's mercy each poor sinner wants;
And God his mercy freely grants,
To all who plead a Saviour's blood,
And come by faith in him to God.

MIND.

(*Job* xxxii. 8; 1 *Cor.* xiii. 12.)

How wondrous is the mind of man,
Able Jehovah's works to scan!
Nor will its powers be fully known,
Till called to dwell before God's throne.

MOURNING.

(*Psalm* xxxiv. 19; *Isaiah* lx. 20.)

What sighs and tears abound below!
What woes and pains poor mourners know!
But if thro' grace to heaven we soar,
There pains and tears are known no more.

OBEDIENCE.

(*John* xiv. 15; *Rom.* vii. 22.)

Would we evince that God we love,
Then obedient we must prove;
And earnestly we must fulfil
All the good pleasure of his will.

PATIENCE.

(*Job* xiii. 15; *James* v. 7, 8.)

How blest to bow beneath the rod,
And patient bear the will of God;
In darkest hours submissive sit,
Composed, resigned, at Jesu's feet!

PEACE.

(*Isaiah* xxvi. 3; *John* xiv. 27.)

How sweet the peace the soul enjoys,
When on the Saviour it relies!
The world no solid peace can give,
But Jesus says—" My peace receive."

PERFECTION.

(*Deut.* xxxii. 4; 1 *Peter* i. 15.)

Perfection is the Lord's alone,—
No one can boast before his throne:
Yet we should aim, thro' grace divine,
In holy actions bright to shine.

PERSEVERANCE.

(*Psalm* lxxxiv. 7; *Phil.* iii. 13, 14.)

Onward and onward we must go,
Our inward piety to show:
Forward and forward we must press,
All thro' this weary wilderness.

PRAISE.

(*Psalm* ciii. 1, 2; cxlv. 1, *&c.*)

All praise is due to God alone,—
They praise him loud before his throne:
And while we travel here below,
Our thanks to God should ever flow.

PRAYER.

(*Matt.* vi. 6; *Phil.* iv. 6.)

Oh, daily seek your God in prayer!
In secret cast on him your care:
That soul's the happiest of our race,
Who most delights to seek his face.

PRIDE.

(*Jude* vi.; *Gen.* iii. 5; *Prov.* xvi. 18.)

Pride cast the angels down to hell;
By pride our father Adam fell;
Thousands by pride are still destroyed:
Lord, save our hearts from cursed pride!

PROMISE.

(*Mark* xiii. 31; *Psalm* xv. 4.)

God's word of promise must be sure,
Tho' neither heaven nor earth endure;
And when we make a promise too,
To every word we should be true.

RANSOM.

(*Matt.* xx. 28.)

A ransom is a price that's given,
To rescue men from chains and prison;
But when our souls were brought from woe,
The blood of God's dear Son must flow.

REASON.

(*Job* xxxv. 11.)

The brutes no reasoning powers possess,—
But God saw fit our race to bless
With reason, mind, and conscience too,
And thus his love to man to show.

RECONCILIATION.

(*Col.* i. 21, 22.)

'Tis sweet, when human conflicts cease,
To taste again the balm of peace;
But reconciled to God, we know
A joy that only thence can flow.

REDEMPTION.

(*Exod.* xv. 1, *&c.*; 1 *Peter* i. 19.)

When Israel came from Egypt's land,
God brought them out with mighty hand;
But blood of matchless price was given,
To save from hell, and bring to heaven.

RELIGION.

(*Prov.* iii. 17; *Psalm* i. 1, *&c.*)

Without religion none are blest,—
Religion calms the anxious breast:
If true religion dwells within,
We love our God, and hate all sin.

REPENTANCE.

(*Prov.* xxviii. 13; 2 *Cor.* vii. 10, 11.)

If godly sorrow fill our heart,
If we from every sin depart,
If we are watching unto prayer,
Then is repentance quite sincere.

REST.

(*Isaiah* lvii. 21; *Matt.* xi. 28, 29.)

Would you enjoy a holy rest,
Then come to Jesus and be blest:
No solid rest the worldling knows;
From faith in Christ alone it flows.

REWARD.

(*Matt.* x. 42; *Heb.* vi. 10.)

No work of faith, or act of love,
But God records in heaven above:
Nor shall it lose a just reward,
From the rich fulness of the Lord.

SABBATH.

(*Exod.* xx. 8, *&c.*; *Isaiah* lviii. 13, 14.)

Would you be happy, holy, wise,
God's blessed Sabbath you must prize:
No one who slights the day of rest,
In earth or heaven can e'er be blest.

SAINT.

(*Rom.* i. 7; 2 *Thess.* i. 10.)

A saint is one who fears the Lord,
Who reads and loves his holy word;
And tho' despised of men he be,
He'll heaven, and God, and glory see.

SALVATION.

(*Psalm* lxvi. 9; 1 *Cor.* ii. 9.)

If saved from accident and woe,
While travelling in this world below,
The mercy 's great,—but saved from hell,
How great the blessing who can tell?

SATAN.

(*Job* ii. 7; *Mark* ix. 20; 1 *Peter* v. 8.)

The desperate foe of man and God,
He casts his fury all abroad;
Ruined himself, he seeks each hour
To ruin all within his power.

SCRIPTURE.

(*John* v. 39; 2 *Tim.* iii. 15, *&c.*)

Oh! make the precious book of truth,
The choice companion of thy youth;
And ask the Spirit's light divine,
Upon the sacred page to shine.

SERVANT.

(*Rom.* vi. 16—23.)

Servant of sin—what cause for shame;
Servant of God—oh! honoured name:
Satan will drag his servants down;
Servants of God shall reach a crown.

SIN.

(*Jer.* xliv. 4; *Heb.* xii. 1.)

Sin is the thing Jehovah hates,
And fearful judgment it awaits;
Nor can our souls be fully blest,
Till it is banished from the breast.

SINCERITY.

(*Psalm* cxix. 1; 2 *Cor.* i. 12.)

Not perfect, but sincere, the saint,
Who still pursues, however faint:
His constant aim to serve his Lord,
He counts his smile a full reward.

SOUL.

(*Mark* viii. 36, 37; *Gal.* ii. 20.)

Oh! ponder well the soul's great worth,—
'Twas formed to set God's glory forth;
And when by sin from bliss it fell,
The blood of Christ saved it from hell.

SUN.

(*Psalm* xix. 1, *&c.*; *Mal.* iv. 2.)

How beauteous is the sun of day!
How sweet to walk beneath its ray!
But Jesus is a brighter Sun,
Who shows the path where saints should run.

TEMPTATION.

(*Matt.* xxvi. 41; *Ephes.* vi. 18.)

The Saviour said, "Oh! watch and pray,"—
Temptations thick beset the way:
Nor can the soul in safety be,
Who watches not from sin to flee.

TEMPER.

(*Phil.* ii. 6; *Ephes.* iv. 31, *&c.*)

Your tempers watch with anxious care;
Let the sweet mind of Christ be there:
No angry passions marked his life;
Like him avoid all wrath and strife.

TIME.

(1 *Cor.* vii. 29; *Psalm* xc. 12.)

How swiftly time bears us away!
No power can make its moments stay:
Oh! number then your hours aright,
And well improve their rapid flight.

TRUTH.

(*Col.* iii. 9; *Eccles.* xii. 14.)

Let truth dwell ever on your tongue,
And dread to speak the thing that's wrong:
Remember, God hears what you say,
And will tell all another day.

UNBELIEF.

(*Matt.* xiii. 58; *Heb.* iv. 11.)

When Jesus travelled earth about,
'Twas unbelief shut blessings out;
And unbelief will ruin those
Who do not on his blood repose.

WALK.

(1 *John* ii. 6; *Rev.* iii. 4.)

To walk with God is blest employ,—
It leads to everlasting joy:
Who walk with God in truth and love,
Shall walk with him in white above.

WATER.

(*Psalm* civ. 10; *John* vii. 37, *&c.*)

Amongst the many gifts of heaven,
Water to quench our thirst is given;
And water sets the Spirit forth,
The Saviour's gift of matchless worth.

WAR,

(*Lam.* i. 1, *&c.*; *Micah* iv. 3.)

Oh, fearful curse! Oh, hateful thing!
What frightful woes doth warfare bring!
Lord, send thy grace from shore to shore,
That men may practise war no more!

WAY.

(*Matt.* vii. 13, 14.)

One way alone can lead to bliss,—
Oh! see you do not that way miss:
A thousand ways lead on to hell,
And thousands love that way too well.

WILL.

(*Psalm* xxxix. 9; *Phil.* iv. 11.)

Our wills should be conformed to God,
Whether he smile or use the rod:
"Thy will be done," the Saviour cried;
So should we say, tho' deeply tried.

WISDOM.

(*James* i. 5; *Prov.* iv. 7.)

Do we lack wisdom for the mind,
Then ask of God;—his promise kind
Is made to all who feel their need:
Whom he makes wise, are wise indeed.

WORD.

(*Num.* xxiii. 19; *Ephes.* iv. 15.)

God's word can never pass away,—
His promises can ne'er decay:
Our word should always be sincere,
The sure result of godly fear.

WORK.

(*Phil.* iv. 13; *Matt.* v. 3, *&c.*)

Labour is sweet, if God is near,—
His smile can all our labours cheer;
And works of love and holiness
Point out the souls whom God doth bless.

INVITATION TO CHILDREN.

Come, little children, come,
And seek your Saviour's face;
In all your ways acknowledge him,
And trust upon his grace.

He'll hearken to your prayer,
If you in earnest cry:
He listens to the feeblest child,
Tho' dwelling in the sky.

The angels round the throne
For ever sing his praise;
Yet will he not despise the song
That little children raise.

When Jesus was on earth,
And sinners did him wrong,—
The children in the Temple praised,
And he approved the song.

Then, little children, come,
And call upon his name;
Offer him praise in cheerful songs,
And he'll accept the same.

PRESENCE OF CHRIST.

"When thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee."
JOHN i. 48.

DID Jesus see Nathanael
When underneath the tree?
Ever may I remember,
His eyes are fixed on me!

No place can hide me from him;
His eyes pervade each spot:
He sees my every action;
He knows each secret thought.

How cheering to the mourner,
When troubles press his soul,
Or when distrest with sickness,—
His Saviour knows the whole!

When waiting in his closet,
  With agonizing prayer,
His soul may comfort gather;
  For Christ, his Friend, is there.

No sighs or tears escape him,—
  They're present to his sight;
And in the darkest season,
  He can restore the light.

Then wait, my soul, upon him,
  Who sees in secret still;
Nor doubt that he is willing
  Thy wishes to fulfil.

THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

DEAR Mary, come to me,
  And listen while I tell
Of Him who died upon the tree,
  To save your soul from hell.

He saw our wretched state,
  And felt his pity move;
Poor he became, tho' once so great,
  To show his matchless love.

  In Bethlehem he was born,
  A feeble infant child;
Then lived a life exposed to scorn,
  Tho' gentle, meek, and mild.

  His days on earth were past
  In acts of grace and love;
Aiming to bring our souls at last
  To dwell with him above.

On Calvary he died,
A sacrifice for sin:
There Jesus Christ was crucified,
That you might glory win.

Then love this matchless Friend,
And seek his saving grace;
He'll guide you safely to the end,
And you shall see his face.

SEEKING THE SAVIOUR.

"Sir, we would see Jesus."—JOHN xii. 21.

HAPPY they who wish to see
Him who bled on Calvary;
Seeking with their hearts to find
Him who died to save mankind!

Here's an object worth your love,
Great indeed—all price above:
They who find him, find a Friend,
Whose strong love will never end.

Have you sought him? have you found?
Swell, oh! swell his praise around:
Urge your youthful friends to come;
Tell them all—"There yet is room."

Have you not to him drawn near?
You may well be filled with fear:
None are safe till him they find,
Blessed Saviour of mankind!

Imitate those Greeks of old;
Seek admission to that fold,
Which the gentle Shepherd leads,
Guides and keeps, and ever feeds.

THE KIND WORDS OF JESUS.

"Look unto me," he says, "and live;
"For you my precious blood I give:"
There let us look, and we shall find
Sweet peace, to calm and stay the mind.

"Come unto me, ye weary, come;"
In his kind heart there's always room:
There let us go, and find that rest
With which he makes his servants blest.

"Believe in me, and I will save
"From sin, and Satan, and the grave!"
Oh! for that faith that can depend
On him, to keep us to the end.

"Trust in my word, and do not doubt,—
"No coming soul shall be cast out:"
On him, then, let us cast our care,
And hope his love and grace to share.

"Come follow me," is his command;
He'll guide us to the heavenly land:
Nor death nor hell shall e'er remove
Our souls from his unchanging love.

Oh, happy they who Jesus find,
And follow him with lowly mind!
No richer portion can there be,
In time or in eternity.

LIVE FOR SOMETHING!

"LIVE for something!"—make the resolve;
  Then lift your heart to God,
To aid you, with his Spirit's help,
  To spread his name abroad.

"Live for something!"—young children claim
  Your kind instructive care;
Then let the needy Sabbath-school
  Your early labours share.

"Live for something!"—Oh! take the tract,
  Or blessed Book of heaven;
Go forth and scatter all around,
  The best—the holy leaven.

"Live for something!"—the widow cheer,
  And feed the orphan band;
The sick, forlorn, and destitute,
  Take gently by the hand.

"Live for something!"—how Jesus lived,
  And scattered blessings round!
Where'er he went, where'er he dwelt,
  Poor sufferers comfort found.

"Live for something!"—have you been blest
  With mercy from above?
Then try to bring a thousand more
  To taste redeeming Love!

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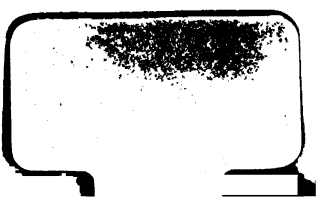
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